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Four Extraordinary New Yorkers Received the 2022 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Medal

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(November 10, 2022 | New York, NY) The Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS) presented the <u>Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Medal</u>, the organization's highest honor, to Jon Batiste, Clara Wu Tsai & Joe Tsai, and Earl D. Weiner on Wednesday night. The medals were presented at a celebration held at Weylin, located at 175 Broadway in Brooklyn.

"Although MAS's advocacy takes place in all five boroughs, this is the first time the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Medal has been presented outside Manhattan," said MAS President Elizabeth Goldstein. "We were delighted to gather in a borough that has been the site of so much of our honorees' work, shining a light on their immense collective impact on our city."

Honorees Jon Batiste, Clara Wu Tsai & Joe Tsai, and Earl D. Weiner were joined by an array of friends, fans, and colleagues, including Elissa Black, Ron Blaylock & Petra Pope, Gabriel Calatrava, Lisa & Dick Cashin, CaSandra Diggs, Regina Myer, Enuma Okoro, Bruce Ratner & Linda Johnson, Shanta Thake, Carla Shen, Betsy Smith & Rick Cotton, Yeohlee Teng, and Henry Timms.

The event raised nearly \$1 million to support MAS in its mission of lifting up the voices of the people in the debates that shape New York's built environment and leading the way toward a more livable city from sidewalk to skyline. Founded in 1893, MAS was instrumental in key battles that have shaped the future of New York.

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The site of the original Williamsburgh Savings Bank, 175 Broadway was built by renowned architect George B. Post in 1875 with iconic interiors designed by Peter B. Wright. In 2014, it completed an extensive restoration and reopened as an event space under the name Weylin. Following the celebration, guests enjoyed drinks and dancing at the 1875 Bar, the building's speakeasy-style cocktail space. This annual gathering known as the After Dark Party is hosted by the MAS Urbanists, a member group of early to mid-career professionals.

About the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Medal

The Medal is awarded annually to individuals who, through vision, leadership, and philanthropy, have made a lasting contribution to New York City. The Medal was established in 1994 to honor Mrs. Onassis, her passionate efforts to preserve great architecture in New York City, and her remarkable partnership with the Municipal Art Society over nearly two decades—including the campaign that saved Grand Central Terminal from demolition.